
CHURCH INFORMATION

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University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community.

Join the email list by sending an email to:

university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@qooglegroups.com

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our web site at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

You can also view service videos on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI94YTnAqH85YbQgBHNbdfw>



For me prayer is walking. Every step is a prayer.
The way unfolds, and all it asks is trust and
humility. The road always leads home. Step by step.
– Alisa Piper, writer and pilgrim

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday August 8, 2021, 10 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude video – HWB 1, *What is this place?*

Call to worship – Rick Stehouwer, *Voices Together* 866

Leader: Open our ears

People: **to hear your word.**

Leader: Open our eyes

People: **to see your presence.**

Leader: Open our arms

People: **to the embrace of community.**

Leader: Open our minds

People: **to the beauty of truth.**

Leader: Open our hearts

People: **to the joy of new life.**

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory prayer

Special music – Micah Spicher Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Ndunge Sefu

Children's time – Ben Wideman and UMC kids

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Scripture reading (read during sermon) 1 Kings 19:1-9, Dale Kephart

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

Confession – Psalm 130, Kathleen Stehouwer

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

for with the Lord is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins.

Special music – Micah Spicher Schonberg

Sharing and prayer – Pastor Kate

Welcome of visitors, birthdays, anniversaries, and announcements

Benediction

Announcements

Masking protocol – To protect those who are vulnerable, masks should be worn in the building for worship.

Wednesday sharing and prayer time - Join us Wednesdays at noon for a time of scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share more fully with one another. The Zoom meeting link will be distributed via our email list.

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact [Pastor Kate](#), as times and dates vary.

Membership at UMC - While membership is not required to be an active and welcomed participant at UMC, it can be an outer sign of an inner commitment to one's faith journey and church commitment. We will be holding a membership class this fall for anyone interested in exploring this step. Let Kate know if you're interested in learning more.

Restoration at Walnut Springs - Join Greg Williams from Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), Kate, and others in our ongoing work to restore this native habitat. Monday, August 16, 2-4 pm at Walnut Springs Park. Contact Kate for more information.

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, welcomes home cooked meals for their guests. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Menno Snapshots - Joy Cotchen, from Allegheny Mennonite Conference, has been volunteering at MC USA conference in some capacity since 2000. In her blog, "The Joy of Volunteering," she shares what she finds most enjoyable about the volunteer experience. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/joy-of-volunteering>.

URGENT NEED: Donate MCC hygiene kits and school kits - Help MCC fill an urgent need for hygiene kits and school kits! MCC school kits provide essential school supplies, like notebooks and pencils. Hygiene kits provide basic hygiene supplies like toothbrushes and nail clippers. These kits are often requested after disasters. They help bring normalcy to families who have been forced to leave their homes.

Announcements (cont.)

Will you and your family or church help MCC by donating school kit and hygiene kit items? Packing kits is a great activity for families with children and school groups. Learn more and find kit drop-off locations at mcc.org/kits.

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, doing yard work, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Financial struggles? As you continue to live into the realities of COVID-19, please let Kate or one of the [elders](#) know if you are living with financial uncertainty and could use some help. UMC, in partnership with [Everence](#), has funds available to help those in need.

Your offerings support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts. Offering baskets are by the doors to the sanctuary or you can make your offering the following ways:

- Mail a check to the church to the attention of our treasurer, 1606 Norma Street, State College PA, 16801
- [Donate on the church website](#)
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com